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REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.221(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The applicant hereby requests *voluntary* publication of the above-identified application as permitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.221(a). This application was filed prior to November 29, 2000, but remains pending, as necessary for this request.

As required under this section, a check in the amount of \$430 is enclosed herewith covering the publication fee set forth in §1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in §1.17(i).

A copy of the entire application, including amendments made in a preliminary amendment dated February 28, 2001, and including the declaration, is enclosed herewith. The application copy meets the Patent Office electronic system requirements.

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01 FC:195 02 FC:122 300.00 OP 130.00 OP The above application is based on a provisional patent application, U.S. Serial No. 60/163,058, which was filed on November 2, 1999, more than 18 months prior to this request. The applicants hereby request voluntary publication of the copy of the instant application, as provided herewith, at the earliest opportunity of the Patent Office.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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